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FROM SEOUL 24 JUL RPTD TO YOU:

QUOTE

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, KS, UN

SUBJECT: KOREAN QUESTION AT UN

REF: SEOUL 4778

1. MOFA INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS BUREAU
DIRECTOR HAN HAS TOLD US THAT FONMIN KIM'S UPCOMING
TRIP (REFTEL) MARKS KICK-OFF ROK DIPLOMATIC
CAMPAIGN FOR SUPPORT AT UPCOMING UNGA. IN ADDITION,
FONMIN KIM'S TRIP, HAN SAID MOFA NOW IN PROCESS
PLANNING ITINERARY FOR ADDITIONAL MISSIONS AS WELL
AS BEGINNING TO STEP UP OTHER DIPLOMATIC ACTIVITIES.

2. HAN SAID THAT MOFA HAS TAKEN INITIAL SOUNDINGS
ON ATTITUDES OF 83 GOVERNMENTS. ON BASIS THESE
SOUNDINGS, MOFA TENTATIVELY ESTIMATES THAT THERE
IS GOOD MAJORITY SUPPORT FAVORING DUAL ADMISSION OF
ROK AND NORTH KOREA INTO UN. CURRENT MOFA ESTIMATE
IS THAT UNGA RESOLUTION FAVORING DUAL ADMISSION
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WOULD GET "AT THE MINIMUM" 70 AFFIRMATIVE VOTES

WITH 40 CLEARLY OPPOSED.

3. ON QUESTION RETENTION UNC, HAN SAID SITUATION IS DIFFERENT. MANY OF FOREIGN GOVERNMENT REPS APPROACHED ON THIS SUBJECT HAVE AVOIDED GIVING "OFFICIAL VIEWS", BUT HAVE LIMITED THEMSELVES TO PERSONAL OBSERVATIONS. THEREFORE MOFA ESTIMATES ON THIS ARE MUCH SOFTER. HOWEVER, AT THIS POINT IN TIME, IT IS MOFA'S HIGHLY TENTATIVE ASSESSMENT THAT 55-56 UNGA MEMBERS WOULD SUPPORT CONTINUATION UNC WITH SOME 45-46 OPPOSING AND OTHERS EITHER ABSTAINING OR SIMPLY UNCOMMITTED AT THIS TIME.

4. IN VIEW STEPPED-UP ROKG LOBBYING EFFORT, HAN EXPRESSED HOPE THAT USG WOULD INSTRUCT ITS EMBASSIES TO BEGIN DIPLOMATIC EFFORTS IN SUPPORT OF AGREED USG-ROKG APPROACH ON STRATEGY FOR KOREAN QUESTION AT THIS YEAR'S UNGA.
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